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The Governor's Message.

concern or will long interest either the a willingness to fight for it. Legislature or the citizens of the State. A more colorless document it would be difficult to imagine.

Thus, apart from the formal statement of the financial situation of the State, which we have discussed elsewhere on this page, the things that are most noteworthy in the document are not its recommendations for legislative or administrative change, but certain suggestions which will excite amusement and even provoke ridicule because of their astonishing character.

For example, the Governor's reference to that dishonest and preposterous direct primary law of last year, which slightest intelligent application, contains this suggestion for extension:

The law should give authority to State

collectors of campaign funds will this nation. Why should be distinguish be- administration and that the search for suggestion for annual dues for State tween honest and dishonest men in big new sources of income continues. the rest will be. But the Governor's and let in light upon his motives? suggestion has one flaw: it violates the The case is worse for Mr. La Follette | 000, the expenditure \$35,393,000 for genvital principle of direct primaries in because, unlike the unfriended sand lots eral fund and \$2,740,000 for the sinking permitting the State committeemen to orator, he has used in his political specufix the annual dues. Let the people lations the check book of the capitalist all. The excess of the expense was thus mainty. The Hon. James Wilson, Secredecide. They can be trusted to deal as long as he could draw upon it, and dis- \$2,154,000. Plainly this is a bad busi- tary of Agriculture since it began, projustly with themselves and generously covered that his "good angel" was a man ness statement. with other people's money.

Not less surprising is the following was sealed up. recommendation:

I therefore recommend that vote buying be made, but history does not show it made a felony; that immunity be granted to the vote seller upon condition that he turn State's evidence against the vote buver.

DIX, recently the chairman of the Demoadministration resigned with the Governor's former legal adviser.

Nor can there be any surprise, after this demonstration of the Governor's as to permit the enactment of a "workmen's compensation and labor law." to meet the situation created by the action of the Court of Appeals in declaring unconstitutional the law of 1910 on the mandate was it lacked convincing casts an excess of expenditure over this subject.

Other recommendations of the Governor, notably the much advertised water storage scheme, will doubtless command comment subsequently, but for the present the document can be dismissed with the remark that it is surprising.

The Labor Leaders and the Flag.

GOMPERS and of some of his associates made overtures to the Nebraska Demoin the misleading of union labor. We crats to send him as a delegate to the do not hesitate to express this opinion next national convention. He said that plainly whenever it becomes proper he would be proud to serve them in that to discuss his or their pernicious acts capacity provided his commission came and utterances. But we do not believe from the people and not from the polithat GOMPERS, or any other leader suf-ticians. At the time he was not in good ficiently astute to get into a controlling odor with the Democrats in State or position in the vast organization, would nation. In Nebraska he was trying to live be fool enough even under momen- down the memory of bolting the State tary excitement to plant foot leather ticket and of opposing the election of upon the American flag in a spirit of de- his old friend and ally, the Hon. GILBERT defiance or insult. The yarn from San M. HITCHCOCK, to the United States Sen-

Yuan Renews the Fight.

some of their hoarded gold, announces turned treacherously upon it in its hour tipodes, which is disconcerting. Luck that he will resume the defence of the of need and accomplished its defeat.

throne. This would indicate the end On August 2, before a full House, Mr. his may have decided the doubles in bird among the trees nearby and the sparrows favor of the defenders, for the tally, 6-4, once hegin to disappear. When the own is the Premier has not especially favored. falsehoods an interview given out by Mr. 5 7, 7 5, 6 4, tells the story of a sharp the differences between imperialists and not one of Mr. BRYAN'S friends could LIN, who seemed to be playing a "foriorn

to be less than \$2,000,000, but he evi- low ebb at that time. chest than the revolutionaries are said commanding influence over it. Report number of our tennis players is legion. appreciated their master's gift.

extent remained loval

6 00 are poorly officered and equipped with a medley of arms and ammunition. lion; but funds must be found or they All checks, money orders, &c., to be made pay- will live upon the country, repeating the desolation of the Taiping times.

Sunday, by the Sun VUAN'S avowed determination to fight six a day. These figures he uses to be sure that her gaslights freeze in her Printing and Publishing Association at 170 Nassau Frinting and Publishing Association at 170 Nassau Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, New York the republicans to a finish increases the President and Treasurer, William C. Retck, 170 Nassau street Vice-President, Edward P. Mitchell peril of the foreigners. The revolutive loss by intelligent measures for fire publication with to have rejected articles returned they in the ascendent. YUAN'S course will manent improvement, in spite of the differences between the north and south. worked out of the figures. He is drawing chiefly upon the north Despite the forty-three printed pages | for support. Even if he should re- figures does not in any way affect the Into which the Hon. John A. Dix has cover, as he says he will, all the country desirability of establishing an adequate expanded his fairly slight and never north of the Yangtse, there yet remains fire prevention bureau. Such an instituconclusive views of the business before unconquered that large portion of the tution could unquestionably reduce in the Legislature of 1912, there is little in nation that has declared for a republican marked measure the appallingly high movement is now moving, and if it "conthis annual message which need much form of government and has expressed losses in life and property that result

The La Follette Method.

In his study of the career of the Hon. ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE, intended to be spoken as an introduction to a Lansing audience which the Senator escaped by going somewhere else, Governor OSBORN of Michigan said among other things

personal or individual intolerance because

it has so much more might as a force. " In Senator LA FOLLETTE's speeches and satisfied no one and has not yet been writings I do not think he distinguishes interpreted in a fashion to permit the between honest men in big business and lishonest men

Can Mr. Bryan Come Back ?

possible that the Hon. JOHN A. WILLIAM J. BRYAN if his tongue has not Jackson Day may be a gainful day for cratic State committee, is ignorant of time ago. The Democratic national the fact that sections 768 and 769 of the committee meets in Washington-Mr. Consolidated Laws of New York State BRYAN, holding a proxy, will be present; felony, while section 770 already confers Mr. BRYAN is bidden and has a speech in the evening there will be a banquet' the immunity which he asks for the con-ready. There will be much of him on fessing vote seller? This detail arouses Jackson Day, and what he says and a curiosity as to how much of the Dix what he does will be given to the four \$3,257.000, it is clear that five years ago winds for distribution, that it may be it was \$11,410,000, and the average annual made known Mr. BRYAN is still to be deficit in four years has been above

reckoned with in Democratic politics. It may be true that an impression Constitution of the State be so amended a candidate for President for a fourth total appropriations in force amounted am not a candidate and will not be the year was \$37,700,000 from indirecpower, for in March the Peerless Loser

> " I am not a candidate for any office, but lest the simple statement that I am not a creased by any shrinkage of revenue. candidate for any office may be misconstrued, I may explain that I do not intend become a candidate for office.

Along in October last, the date was the We have our opinion of Mr. SAMUEL 7th and the place Fairbury, Mr. BRYAN

dently believes that success will further Mr. BRYAN therefore has his work cut DIXON'S defeat by LARNED on the West unloose the Manchu purse strings, per-out for him on Jackson Day if his design Side courts last summer.

Side courts last summer.

We believe that the Americans will be day the horses were left along to enlay that

Fire Prevention.

Commissioner Johnson of the Fire That they can fight bravely was proved Department has sent to Mayor GAYNOR merly called "soreheads" is, in the ama letter in which he says that in the pter language of to-day, "the represenfirst six months of this year there were tatives of the pioneer progressives of the 7.812 fires, an average of forty-three a Democratic party. day, while between July 1 and Decem-The resumption of hostilities and ber 20 there were 6.190, or thirtyperil of the foreigners. The revolu- fire loss by intelligent measures for fire forting to turn to the ironies of nomenclationary leaders have respected the prevention. For this purpose they are ture in what Colonel PAT DONAN loved rights of foreigners and their property inadequate. No sound generalizations to call the Banana Belt. For example, to the best of their ability and will no can be drawn from the experiences of Devil's Lake, 28 below. Such instances masses in central and northern China, 12,437. The next year saw it rise to where there is the largest foreign popu- 14,405, the highest on record. So the lation and where the revolutionaries are decrease in fires in 1909 meant no perhave a tendency also to increase the interesting percentages that might be

But the inutility of Mr. Jourson's annually from fires in this town. Its agents could enforce the laws and ordinances enacted to make the city safer Its investigations would supply the facts on which intelligently to draft legislation for the improvement of conditions It would turn out experts in avoiding fires just as the Fire Department, now educates specialists in the art of extinguishing them.

The town needs a fire prevention force " The Senator La Follette style of cam- with ample authority to enforce regulapaign tends to arouse the passions of the tions for safeguarding life and property people and make for a condition of public No questionable mathematical computations are needed to convince reasonable men of this.

The Balance Sheet of the State.

The growing lack of symmetry be tween expense and income in State How. could Mr. LA FOLLETTE have | finance was a familiar problem for the made a resounding success in politics if Hon. Charles Evans Hughes when he Republican majority in handling their committees to impose reasonable annual he had not set out to arouse the passions was Governor of this State. The place problem. Mr. Smith's experience, abildues on its members and appoint sub-com- and prejudices of the people? He has assigned to this subject by the Hon. ity and parliamentary training made him thriven in the murk of intolerance so JOHN A. DIX in his annual message to created. It is the medium in which he the Legislature of 1912 shows that the What applause from long suffering still hopes to rise to the head of the conditions have not changed with an

committeemen not provoke! Let the business when the admission that there | The present Governor reenforces his State committees of both parties be are honest men in industry would put demand for more revenue by a state- this unanimity made up of millionaires, and how easy him upon the defensive as an agitator ment of the balance sheet of the State for last year. The revenue was \$35,979 -

of sin only when the source of supply The unfavorable showing for the fiscal as food, be butchered to make an Ameri-Upon the eye of a Presidential election may be the stuff of which Presidents are ture and revenue of the State for the

11	ast	t five fiscal years:			
		Expenditure	Revenue	Deficit	
1	907	\$32,620,000	\$35,032,000	*\$2,412.0	
1	908	34,318,000	33,997,000	321,00	
1	909	39,236,000	31,567,000	7,669,00	
1	910	38,331,000	37,906,000	425,00	
1	911	38,133,000	35,979,000	2.154.00	

\$182,838,000 \$174,481,000 \$5,157,000 when extermination menaces the totem *Excess of revenue

For five years, then, the net excess of expenditure over income has been \$8,157,000. As the surplus in the State | know how to get it - Governor Wilson Treasury on September 30, 1910, was \$2,500,000.

The prospects for 1912 in State finance time. He was reported as saying: "I to \$11,321,000, the estimated revenue for a candidate for President. Leave me taxation and \$5,900,000 from the direct out." This in June. Imperative as tax levy, or \$43,600,000 in all. This fore income for the current year of approximately \$725,000, which will be diminished by any lapses in appropriations and in

The State is spending more than i takes in. The condition is not new, it to say that I have given any pledge not to has continued for four years, and the rapid and inevitable expansion of the the future. The Legislature must therefore choose between further experiments in indirect taxation, holding out only doubtful promises, and an adequate direct tax rate which will restore the balance between income and expenditures. Wise public policy infallibly demands the adoption of the latter course.

The Davis Tennis Cup. The failure of the American tennis Australasia is a keen disappointment to Francisco will not wash. The man mad ate. In the nation he had got himself into admirers of WILLIAM A. LARNED and to enough to do anything of that sort the bad graces of fair minded Democrats enthusiasts who see in young MAURICE would cease by the very fact to be dan- by assailing the integrity of the Hon. E. McLoughurs the coming American gerous as a misleader, for he would be OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD, the able and champion; but several years of triumph defying and insulting his own American popular chairman of the Ways and had made the Australasians confident, Means Committee. In the middle of and in tennis confidence, when justified, July the Douglas county convention is a strong factor. In the singles at by a vote of 597 to 3 deplored and con-RROOKES and R. E. HEATH were clean dered about his goings and comings. There have The Chinese Premier YUAN SHIH KAI, demned "the action of him who having BROOKES and R. E. HEATH were clean leader of the monarchical party, having repeatedly received the loyal support cut; plainly BEALS WRIGHT and WILLIAM been explanations, but now comes what is vouched prevailed upon the Manchus to give up of the Democratic party of Nebraska A. LARNED were no match for the anand the postponement of the national Bryan that reflected upon Mr. Under- and strenuous contest, highly creditable convention that was expected to settle wood's leadership and his honesty, and to BEALS WRIGHT and young McLoughsay a word in his defence. Respect for hope." But luck cannot be recognized in The amount secured by Yuan is said him in the Democratic party was at a international matches, or there would be something to say in extenuation of C. P. a holiday. The day before Christmas he

to possess. He has also the advantage credits him with a purpose to induce the Dependence, however, can no longer of the foreign drilled imperial troops, national committee to adopt a resolube placed upon the veterans. They a force which he himself formed and tion calling for Presidential preference have greatly distinguished themselves, the members of which have to a great primaries in all the States. Success but they have had their day. There is would make him conspicuous again as a host of young players, both on club you help a Chinese student out of a dilemma?

Live and learn. A day or two ago it

Minneapolis hasn't given up padding complains that the Americans, a people of ironists, don't use irony

Transportation promotes freedom. ville Courier-Journal Not always; not in the early days of he American colonies; not in the golden prime of Botany Bay.

According to a hopeful member of the hicago Bar Association—have you read How to Be Hopeful Though in Chiago"?-a social service and fraterna! tinues a jail will be a disgrace to the com-Is predatory wealth to be left munity." without a shelter? Is personal Guilt not to be confined, jury and Judge permit-

Mr. Beverinde was a prophet. Bloom-"Was"? Fatal preterit! And so irand Young Man is one with Hinm

What is this Richmond spirit we hear so uch about? Richmond Times Despatch. This visor of innocence will not serve. Richmond spirit is as well known as Hob-Richmond spirit is as well known as Hob-son antidote. Neal Dow sassaparill, Kansas the American Revolution, newspapers then

year supplies an adequate explanation for

abbit. Springfield Republican

It is futile to try to collect sympathy or jack rabbit. A more poignant fear, poses in cold blood that gophers be used year of 1911 is not the first of its kind, can food supply. For years that outrun and sung by Dr. CLINTON HART MERHIAM. Chief of the United States Biological Survev, in monographs that are the treasures of all well selected libraries. His |the P. G. st virtues are loved by millions who will rise in wrath if the knife is to be put to the threat of that great family, the leomyide. Why does the Hon. Moses EDWIN CLAPP of the Gopher State waste

Not only knowledge, but even applica-

Residents of the metropolitan district will read with surprise that despite the dangerous grade crossings in many sections within the territory of the Public grasp of the law, that he passes imme- has got some headway not u flying are shown by the report of the Comp- Service Commission of the First District diately to the recommendation that the start, however that Mr. BRYAN is not troller for September. At that time the the Governor in his annual message has

Trusts don't pay. The Hon. Louis D.

Then why make such a pother about oncerns sure to put themselves out of

Mayor LUNN of Schenectady seems to be creditably militant though a clergyman and resolved to enforce impartially existing laws though a Socialist

Postmaster-General HITCHCOCK seems to be partial to the idea of mail delivery sinking fund charges holds out no prom- by aeroplane, and he has proved his faith ise of reduction on the debit side for by riding in airships with mail matter on Hempstead Plain, but it will be some time, we fancy, before the Government gives up wagons and stages for monoplanes and biplanes and finds carriers to operate mail airships for any compensation the department can afford. In saying this we do not doubt that some day in some districts aeroplanes will be seen with "U. S. Mail" painted on their planes

The difference between Mr. THOMAS FAGGART and Governor THOMAS R. MAR SHALL of Indiana as politicians is that Mr. players to redeem the Davis cup in TAGGART works at politics every day and the Governor only in a moral crisis.

The King's Chapel Owl.

From the Boston Transcript.

The presence of one owl after another perched high in a tree in the King's Chapel Burying Gro look up, then to walk into the yard of City Hall and stand there gaping and to follow with eager eye some one's directing finger. The owl has been a

rows, and to rid the burying ground of them he has an owl sent to him periodically; he looses the wis sated that he seeks a change of diet and leaves if neighborhood, another owl is imported, and once nore the sparrows are raided.

From the Lewiston Journal.
William C. Preston, one of Belfast's stable proprietors, observed Christmas by giving his horses a holiday. The day before this area were the horses men that under no circumstances were the horses to be let out on Christmas Day. The day was his Christmas present to the animals. Although op-

A CHINESE PUZZLE.

Revolutionists.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir : Will Enthusiastic subscriptions have so far a leader and promote his political for- and college courts, and some of them Prior to the commencement of the present furnished funds for the revolutionists, tunes. But can Mr. Bryan come back? are very promising. With more experiment the Chinese people were railed it to higher spheres. For this we must be furnished funds for the revolutionists, but according to reports the supply has run short. Their forces are from the provinces of the west and south; they are not homogeneous, and except for the are not homogeneous, and except for the day of opportunity for Mr. BRYAN.

Their forces are from the perfect the party, as represented by the national committee, as well as a formidable in any company. It is some of these younger players who will bring and after three months of sanguinary fighting and the sacrifice of thousands of lives they be an impossibility. and millions of dollars have brought China politan this appears to be an impossibility to the threshold of a republic, they are The editor of the Outlook, for example, not think of entering the house after the be says that the revolution "ought to be settled" ginning of the performance, even if such a monarchy, with the following explanation as stated in the issue of December 16 and | be found in the audience. repeated in that of December 30.

Political history almost universally shows that be so, in our judgment, with the inhabitants of

doubt continue to do so; but the danger a period so brief. In 1908 there were is that they may lose control of the great again from the experiences of a period so brief. In 1908 there were a clever man as Mr. G. Lowes Dickinson its logic. The fact, supposing it is a fact. that all existing republics in the world were each preceded by a limited monarchy does not in my opinion constitute any valid reason why China should also follow the same tortuous course with all its dangers, known and unknown, when a safer and shorter road is provided. Were China blindly to trace the footprints of her sister nations in the west, repeat the errors ther mmitted and undergo the disasters they suffered, she would-surely and deservedly be charged with stupidity in not learning by the experience of others and with failure Should They Be Returned to Their Origito appreciate the spirit of the twentieth

> with the existing American political institutions, which constitute in my view a standing though silent reproach upon governments by kings and emperors. said that the Chinese people are not as well prepared as the people of the United States are to bear the responsibilities of republican citizenship, it may be admitted at once that this is true. But the admission does not help the American advocates of a Chinese monarchy. The Chinese people, being al-ways deliberate in their conduct and pecul-iarly conscious of their own shortcomings, shortcomings which by the way seem worse than those possessed by the can we son antidote. Neal Pow sassaparill, Kansas water, Georgia extract, Kentucky cordial and other undenatured stuff.
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> In selecting the Hon, A. E. Smirit of this county as their andidate for Speaker and therefore the floor leader of the minority, the Democrats have listened to precisely the same arguments and disposed of exactly the same criticisms as did the Republican majority in handling their problem. Mr. Smirit's experience, ability and parliamentary training made him the only conspicuous candidate for the post among his Democratic colleagues, and his record as majority leader last synaphies an adequate explanation for

her own political institutions in order to gression on one hand and their disparageression on one had progress on the other?
New York, January 2. V. K. W. Koo.

WOMEN BEFORE THE LAW. Results of an Examination of the Statutes of California.

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN - Sir When n a recent letter to THE SUN I remarked hat "the following statements Mrs. Harper The Hon. ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE The following table shows the expendi- memory the Pocket Gopher has been said made in regard to California laws for women o applicable to Idaho," where I practically a misstatement of them. istice her account should be corrected. Mrs. Harper says that the "specifically" that "the husband is the head

the Governor in his annual message has confined his attention to the situation in up-State districts.

deserted her out of her separate property, when he has no separate property and there is no community property and he is unable from infrintly to support himself.

Mrs. Harper says that "the hisband is in

Aris, Harper says that the husband is in complete control of the community property, with power to dispose of it without her consent. Such is not the case, for the law expressly says that her consent is necessary in all cases unless he receives a "valuable consideration" and in the case of household furnishings, &c., "which is community property, no saie, conveyance or enumbrance may no sale, conveyance or encumbrance may be made without the written consent of the

Needless to say, Mrs. Harper made no mention whatever of those California laws which are beneficial to women. It will be seen that the laws of that State are decidedly not so bad as Mrs. Harper would lead one to believe, and that the laws of Idaho, an equal suffrage State, are not in any way more favorable to women.

EDMUND KERPER. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., January

An Alleged Relie of Grub Street.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: to the Bohemia of his time was found dead in squalid lodgings of a mean London street left these verses called "Sing, Brothers

If the slavey spill the gravy On the boots Will the gravy mess the slavey And the boots

Also?

Ever bring the water up Then she'll swear it's hot and plenty But it's cold and fills a cup.

And disarranges all all: The lodger storms and curses loud, his language you'd appall all. But all in valu; she sweeps him out He cannot help but go-o.
t looks so strange when he comes back,

The slavey dusts and fusses round.

His den he'll never know-wo. The slavey sets his dinner out; Ains but there's the rub-ub. The lodger starves, and starves, and starves The slavey eats his grub-ub.

So the slavey's wild ways killed him, And the lodger he passed by To the land where there's no slavey.

To that distant by and by.

Where he rides, and sings most blithely On a cloud high in the sky Where no slavey more can vex him Nor affright him, nor alarm, he's safe from ways of slaveys,

And all lesser kinds of harm.

NEW YORK, January 3 DAVID WALBRO. Two Types of Business Women W. Bardeen in the Educational Review

The woman teacher as a type is modest and rhythm. self-respecting: I never have seen an haps lead to the securing of a loan, is to reinstate himself in the esteem of the day, the horses were left alone to enjoy their, where a woman snuggles up to the stranger she christmas dinners, and it is safe to say that they asks favors of as the natural introduction to a

Confusing Counsel From America to the A Devotee of "Parsifal" at the Metro-THE CLOSED DOOR.

politan on Late Arrivals. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: "Parsifal" as given at the Metropolitan Opera House on January 1 moved every true lover

Why? A large number of late comers at censured by the same representatives of New York opera leave this city for Bay- PLENARY POWER OF JUDGE American opinion for going ahead too fast, renth year after year, and there they would by the establishment of a constitutional thing were possible. Therefore I gather

Is it indifference that causes late arrivals?
Possibly to some extent; but the real cause monarchy limited by constitutionalism must of the present disgraceful state of affairs is. In the development of any nation precede a republic of the purely democratic form. It was seats are held by theatre speculators at so with the inhabitants of this country, it must ridiculous prices till after the commence ment of the performance, and many true lovers of music are compelled to wait till yesterday disclosed what speculators reduce their demands. I am new to most New Yorkers a monarchy or a republic, I for one should anxious to believe this the true explanation, now occupied by the Tweed court ho for any other can only be an insult to Ameri- was bought by the county from the

can opera audiences. The management would therefore still further ingratiate itself with the musical public if it would prevent a recurrence of listurbance by late arrivals, at least in such magnificent performances as that given on was paid into the City Treasury. All divine masterpiece "Parsifal"?

NEW YORK, January 3

THE NAVY'S TROPHIES. nal Owners?

Moreover it is difficult to reconcile the EDITOR OF THE SUNgentlemen who have been interested in preserving the trophies acquired in the was \$450,000. The description of the of a monarchical China course of our history by the navy have found property states that it begins such a state of disrepair that at least \$30,000 house," and extends 320 feet wester put on exhibition. An appeal to Congress is to be made for this sum, the intention being to display the flags for public inspec-

tion in some appropriate museum.

This plan seems to me to be at this time. unworthy and 'reprehensible. This nation is the foremost advocate of peace, show that the building proper is about and while pressing for the universal adop- 225 feet long on the Chambers street tion of general arbitration treaties how consistently flaunt in the nations with which we have been at was the symbols of their humiliations? While amount of space within the area bought the President is struggling for a treaty with and paid for by the county which is

American critics, is the proper speed with which China should proceed to reconstruct under should proceed to reconstruct natures, until executive the custom will more and more oftensive to men's better natures, until eventually the custom will be seen for what it is, a relic of barbarism. Let the United States now demonstrate its advance in civilization and refuse longer to vaunt its successes at arms by retaining the standards of its unfortunate opponents on-the field and sea R. E. Camgalf. Peerskill, January 3.

THE VALUE OF ITALY AGAIN.

Triplice. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: George West's estimate of the value of Italy in his letter printed in THE SUN Sunday is amusing. The article on "I The article on "The a further delay. found almost the identical laws, I did not Renewal of the Triple Alliance" must have realize that Mrs. Harper's quotations were disturbed Mr. West's feelings to a consider-so garbled and incomplete as to constitute able extent, and the evident contradiction "Nearly every day after I have been so garbled and incomplete as to constitute able extent, and the evident contradiction "Nearly every day after I have been some sort," said Justice Page 1. In all in some of his own expressions is conspiculed ous evidence of his method of reasoning.

The fact scope after having asserted that Italy has not for years been considered as out into the fresh air, when it specifically that the husband is the head of the family and the wife is subject to him."

This is an unqualified misstatement, for the continues with this most interesting inforstantes only say, "Husband and wife contract toward each other obligations of keep Italy from disturbing Austria while mutual respect, identically and support. The

On the Waste of Lather.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN Sir: 1 observe that it is reported in the press des-patches that President Taft intends to patches that President Taft camp on La Follette's trail and answer his speeches in Ohio and elsewhere. Isn't probable that this "news" was given out at the La Follette headquarters? It is hardly believable that the President contemplates

course for a moment. "It is a waste of lather to shave an ass. is an old Spanish proverb. Why should Mr.

Taft waste lather on Battle Bob?

If Mr. Taft's real friends will get busy and persuade him to stay in Washington and attend strictly to his job of President, they will render him, as well as his party, an in-HAGERSTOWN, Md., January 2.

The Missouri "Hound Dog" Song. From a letter in the St. Louis Republic The Missouri "Hound Dog" song is one of the oldest in the country. It is a folk song of the Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee mountains and

came to Missouri with the drift of the earliest

ettlers Daniel Boone and his homespun cronies sang it in the woods of the lower Missourt. The old time dance callers sang it in the Ozark hills to the rhythm of the corn fiddle and the shuffle of cowhide boots on puncheon floors. The freighters on the old Boone's Lick road and the Sante Fe trail sangit at night around their camp fires. And the original Missouri pioneers carried it with them over the plains and through the Rockies to the Western Ocean. I first heard it on the lips of Thad Bass, an exited Missourian from Columbia, Tuberculosis Preventorium for Childre

punching cows on the staked plains of New Mexico. He used it to luit to rest many a herd of long-horns on the trail to Cheyenne: "Chaw de meat and save de bone. De Blue Neck lives on Tallyhone. Makes no difference if he is a houn'.

You gotta quit kickin' my dog aroun' The immortal "Sally Goodin," "Sugar in de "Old Tom Willson, "Turkey Straw" and "Quit Dat Kickin' My Dawg Aronn' are the folk songs of the bill people. If you are a from Nathan Straus, \$50,000, and from Missourian or has a straus. Missourian, or have Missouri blood in your yeins, a friend of Mrs. J. Borden Harriss all these tunes find an echo in your being your voice and feet swing naturally into their

Moderation in a Kentucky Village. From the Hopkinsville Kentuckian. The police had but little disorder to contend with. Only thirty-five arrests were made Saturday and Sunday, most of them plain drunks.

COMES UP TO-DAY

County Bought the Present Site From the City Fifty Years Ago.

Sheriff Advised That He Muse Find Court Rooms if Called On by the Bench.

The Board of Estimate is expect to act to-day on a site for the new coun court house. A search of the teer I am new to most New Yorkers that the in condemnation proceedings fifty veago. The records show that the Board of Supervisors appropriated \$1 000 to pay for this site and that the mor Is this not due to that county's real estate became the property of the city under consolidation, but the present site was not a grab from the park.

The musty papers brought to light yesterday consist of the report of three condemnation commissioners. F. Havemeyer, Robert J. Dillon and Isaac Bell, Jr. They reported that a captured battle flags at Annapolis in feet northwest of the present city of nust be expended on them if they are to be it then extends 200 feet southerly an parallel with Broadway, thence 320 [co. easterly, and in a northerly dis | 200 feet

Rough measurements of the sp occupied by the county Court side and extends about 165 feet on the Broadway side. This leaves a large amount of space within the area bought unoccupied.

The report of the condemnation commissioners was affirmed by Suprame Cour Justice T. W. Clerke on Scattember 1861, and was filed on that dute. Abraham R. Lawrence, since a Supreme Court Justice, was counsel in the proceeding

Supreme Court Justice Gerard, sussing this phase of the court house situation vesterday, said that there is no doubt that the land occupied by the couhouse is no more a part of City Hall Pathan property on the opposite side Chambers street or Broadway. The wall on the south side of the court house not cross the park but merely form a passageway through the court hou property.

"Talking as a Judge," said Justia Gerard, who favors using the pa site. "I say that we must have a new house as soon as possible, but as a taxpayer I believe it is most unjust crease the taxes, which are now rato the limit, by tacking on a heavy he for a new court house site when this The View of an Italian Opponent of the property has once been bought and paid

for by the county. Justice Alfred R. Page preferred not to discuss the facts shown by the records of He hoped that they would not bring about

"The situation calls for immediate This is an unqualified misstatement for state toward each other obligations of mutual respect, fidelity and support. The husband is the head of the family. He may choose any reasonable mode or place of living and the wife must conform thereto.

Mrs. Harper says The wages she earns belong to the hisband. The law specific of the hisband, so her wards can belong to the hisband. The law specific of the hisband, so her wards can belong to the misband, so her wards can belong to the hisband, so her wards can belong to the model of the hisband, so her wards can belong to the wife are not liable for the debts of the hisband, so her wards can belong to the wife attended to the six that she is aliable for his support if he is not able to suppose that the wife would suppose that the wife would have to go out and work for him and she also office would suppose that the wife would have to go out and work for him and she also office would suppose that the wife would have to go out and work for him and she also office would suppose that the wife would have to go out and work for him and she also deserted her out of her separate property, in many months yet without the statute in question reads. The wife has more work without the highland the war may be continued, if necessary to many months yet without the slightest financial embarrassment. And if money were necessary the refusal of the German hands in the war may be continued, if necessary to many months yet without the slightest financial embarrassment. And if money were necessary the refusal of the German hands in the war may be continued, if necessary to many months yet without the slightest financial embarrassment. And if money were necessary the refusal of the German hands in the provide an almost reducing the structure of the work in the warm was be continued, if necessary to many months yet without the slightest

were necessary the refusal of the German, bankers to provide money for a war over Morocco would not be repeated in Italy.

It may be interesting to the Americans in Sew York city in the last two months of the far from prosperous year just ended have voluntarily contributed about \$30,000 to the Red Cross fund for the war.

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Sheriff commanding him to prove able quarters in which they is court.

"I will look up the law," said that the Mary and after doing this beneeves any for me to have a court with the Mayor. I did not know Sheriff could be ordered to procourt house, but I will see whin done in case such a writ is issued. court house, but I will see what done in case such a writ is issued. The Sheriff then conferred with counsel, Emanuel Blumenstell, an is that the Justices had the power such action under section 31, ar such action under section 31, a the Code of Civil Procedure this provision was omitted from city Charter. Last summer the Sur Court Justices in this department bill passed by the Legislature the La Follette headquarters? It is hardly believable that the President contemplates anything of the kind. Certainly no sane Friend of Mr. Tatt's would advise such a and supplies for the Supreme Content of the city of New York." The act reads

part:
"The President of a borough supply the Supreme Court appoints be held within his borough, and Justices thereof, with the proper convenient rooms and furniture, toge with heat, lights, books, stationery and other supplies suitable and convenien for the transaction of its business, an upon an order of the court therefor suitable and proper food, lodging an expenses for juries kept together eithe during the progress of a trial or afte their retirement for deliberation. If he shall neglect so to do, the court, or any Justice thereof, may order the Sheriff to make the requisite provision."

Justices who were questioned on the subject yesterday agreed that this a gives them power to issue a writ peremptory mandamus compelling the Sheriff to give them sanitary court rooms

John D. Rockefeller has just subscri

and suitable chambers Rockefeller Helps Preventorium.

\$10,000 toward the new buildings of the at Farmingdale, N. J., which will be comoleted this month. The gift is cont upon \$140,000 being collected from other sources, as the total cost of the building is \$150,000. The estate of Albert Brisbar has donated 170 acres of farm and w land. The sum of \$114,000 has alread the been collected, the principal gifts being \$50,000. The other \$14,000 already lected is in sums ranging from \$1 to \$1 each, from about 200 subscribers should be sent to Alexander S treasurer, Lincoln Trust Com-son Square, or to Marcus president, room 34, Academy of 17 West Forty-third street.